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DIST 16 OCTOBER 1972

1. [REDACTED] 16 OCTOBER, THE DOWNTOWN SECTION OF SANTIAGO APPEARS TO BE QUIET, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE STILL GROUPS OF PEOPLE ON THE STREETS WHO APPEAR TO BE AGITATORS. EXCEPT FOR FOOD STORES, RESTAURANTS, PHARMACIES AND OTHER PRIME NECESSITY STORES, MOST OF THE COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN SANTIAGO WERE CLOSED THE AFTERNOON OF 16 OCTOBER. TWO ARMY TRUCKS WITH 12 ARMED SOLDIERS EACH WERE SEEN RIDING AROUND THE DOWNTOWN SECTOR OF SANTIAGO. BYSTANDERS, SOME OF WHOM CHEERED THE SOLDIERS, COMMENTED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN USED IN THE STREETS FOR MANY YEARS. [REDACTED]

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2. IN A MEETING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 16 OCTOBER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT IT HAD BEEN GENERAL CARLOS P R A T S, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMY, WHO HAD ORDERED THE RADIO STATIONS OF CHILE TO TIE-IN THE NATIONAL RADIO HOOK-UP. [REDACTED] MADE THIS COMMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE ACCUSATION BY PN LEADERS THAT HE HAD ACTED ILLEGALLY IN FORCING THE RADIO STATIONS TO JOIN THE NATIONAL HOOK-UP THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. [REDACTED] WAS TOLD THAT THIS ACT WAS DOUBLY ILLEGAL IN THAT HE [REDACTED] HAD NO AUTHORITY TO ORDER THE RADIO STATIONS THROUGHOUT CHILE TO TIE-IN TO THE NATIONAL RADIO HOOK-UP. [REDACTED]

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3. THE LAW SCHOOL AT UNIVERSITY OF CHILE WAS TAKEN OVER BY STUDENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT. THE TAKE-OVER WAS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PN STUDENTS. [REDACTED]

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4. THE ASSOCIATION OF DOCTORS WILL GO OUT ON STRIKE EFFECTIVE

17 OCTOBER. THEY WILL MAINTAIN EMERGENCY SERVICE, BUT THE ASSOCIATION INTENDS TO WARN THE GOVERNMENT THAT IF ONE DOCTOR IS ARRESTED AS A RESULT OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE STRIKE, THE DOCTORS WILL NOT PERFORM THE EMERGENCY SERVICES. THE STUDENTS FEDERATION AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY HAS AGREED TO DECLARE A 24 HOUR STRIKE. THE DATE OF THE STRIKE HAS NOT BEEN SET, BUT IT MAY TAKE PLACE ON 17 OCTOBER. THE FEDERATION OF SECONDARY STUDENTS OF CHILE (FESES) VOTED ON 16 OCTOBER TO CALL A GENERAL STRIKE ON 17 OCTOBER. ALSO, THE FEDERATION OF BANK EMPLOYEES ARE TO DECLARE A STRIKE FOR 17 OCTOBER.

COMMENT: THE STUDENT FEDERATION AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IS CONTROLLED BY "GREMIALISTAS" (PROFESSIONAL AND CRAFT UNIONS GUILDS). THE FESES IS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC)..)

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